

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 Dec 65 7/2357Z	2. LOCATION Evanston, Illinois
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object looked like a distant aircraft landing light. It was in sight for three minutes and disappeared behind trees. Sky was hazy. Object was bright white with an orange spark like tail going on and off. Object looked like a satellite to the observer. Observer stated that the sky was full of planes.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	Due to the hazy condition of the atmosphere it is unlikely that the object was a satellite. Object was probably an aircraft. The white and red flashing lights observed through the haze would have the same appearance that the observer describes.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	1 Witness

FORM

7 Dec 65

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
5 April 1966

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] et
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

Reference your unidentified observation of 7 December 1965.
The information in your letter was not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

Neil H. Perkins

for HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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[redacted] St.
Evanston, Ill.
60201

Dec 65

Project Bluebook
Wright-Patterson AFB

Gentlemen:

At 6:57 PM last Dec. 7, I saw a star-like object passing almost exactly westbound along over Dempster St., low in the western sky from here. It moved in a trajectory similar to that of an ordinary artificial satellite, but emitted a fan-shaped tail of what appeared to be orange sparks, which went off and on, and sometimes appeared only on one side.

I realize you can't answer all these sightings, but if you have a moment, I'd appreciate knowing if my "UFO" was simply the second stage of a sputnik or Atlas, etc., or a legitimate "spook".

Thanks
[redacted]
[redacted]

Send 164

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

Dec. 7 Dec. 1965
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

6 57
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[REDACTED]
Nearest Postal Address

Evanston
City or Town

Illinois
State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

0 3 —
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

estimate

5.2 Was object in sight continuously?

Yes ✓

No _____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY

a. Bright

b. Cloudy

NIGHT

a. Bright

b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right

d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- ☒ b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- ☒ b. Dull moonlight — rising or about to rise
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- ☒ b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- ☒ d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- ☒ c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

Distant aircraft landing light

12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - ☒ b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|-----|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know See below |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | ☒ No* | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | ☒ No | Don't know |

*except dwindled with distance.

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

Behind trees due west.

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind:

Trees only.

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

in front of:

Sky was too hazy to perceive occultation of star.

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

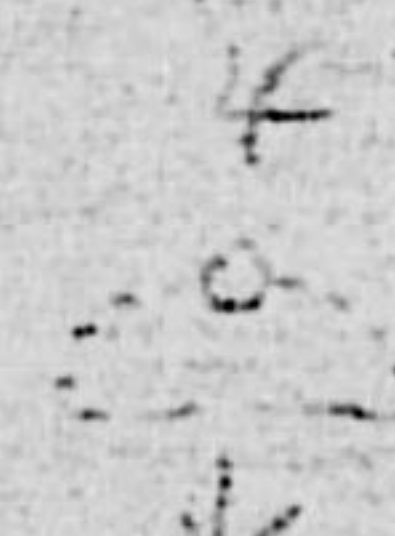
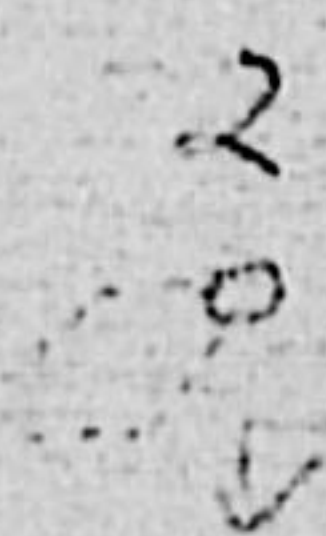
a. Sound *None. (Background noise would have obscured.)*

b. Color *Bright white with orange tail.*

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

All of body. About half of tail at largest.

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



Sample sequence.

Spark-like orange tail went off (3) and on (1, 4), occasionally appearing one side only (2, 5). Entire sighting nearly straight west, moving away and toward horizon.

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

cannot guess altitude & size

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

☒ No

Looked like "satellite" orbit.

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One):

a. Inside a building

b. In a car

☒ c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane (type)

e. At sea

f. Other _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

☒ a. In the business section of a city?

☒ b. In the residential section of a city?

c. In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

☒ No

e. Binoculars

Yes

☒ No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

☒ No

f. Telescope

Yes

☒ No

c. Windshield

Yes

☒ No

g. Theodolite

Yes

☒ No

d. Window glass

Yes

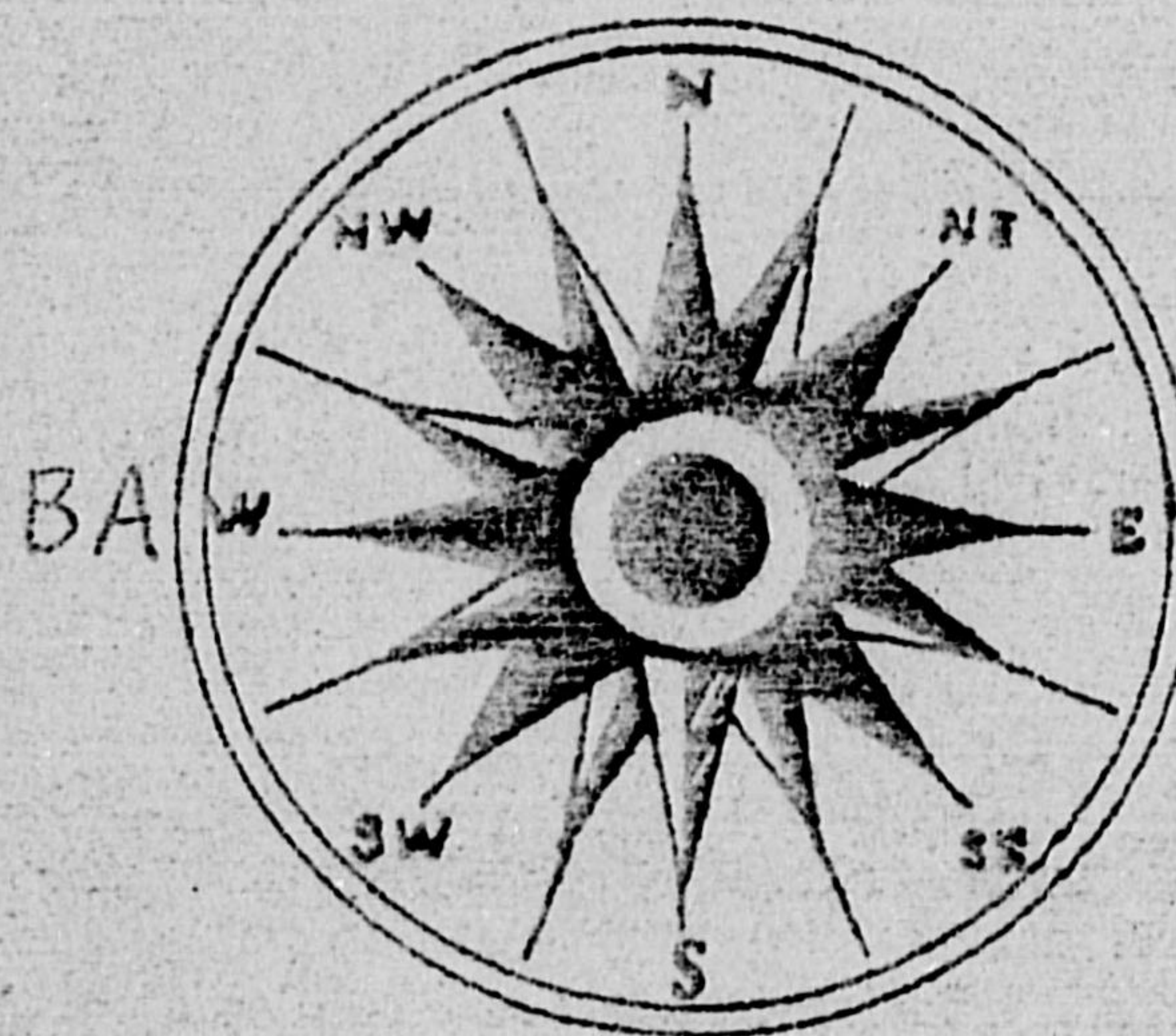
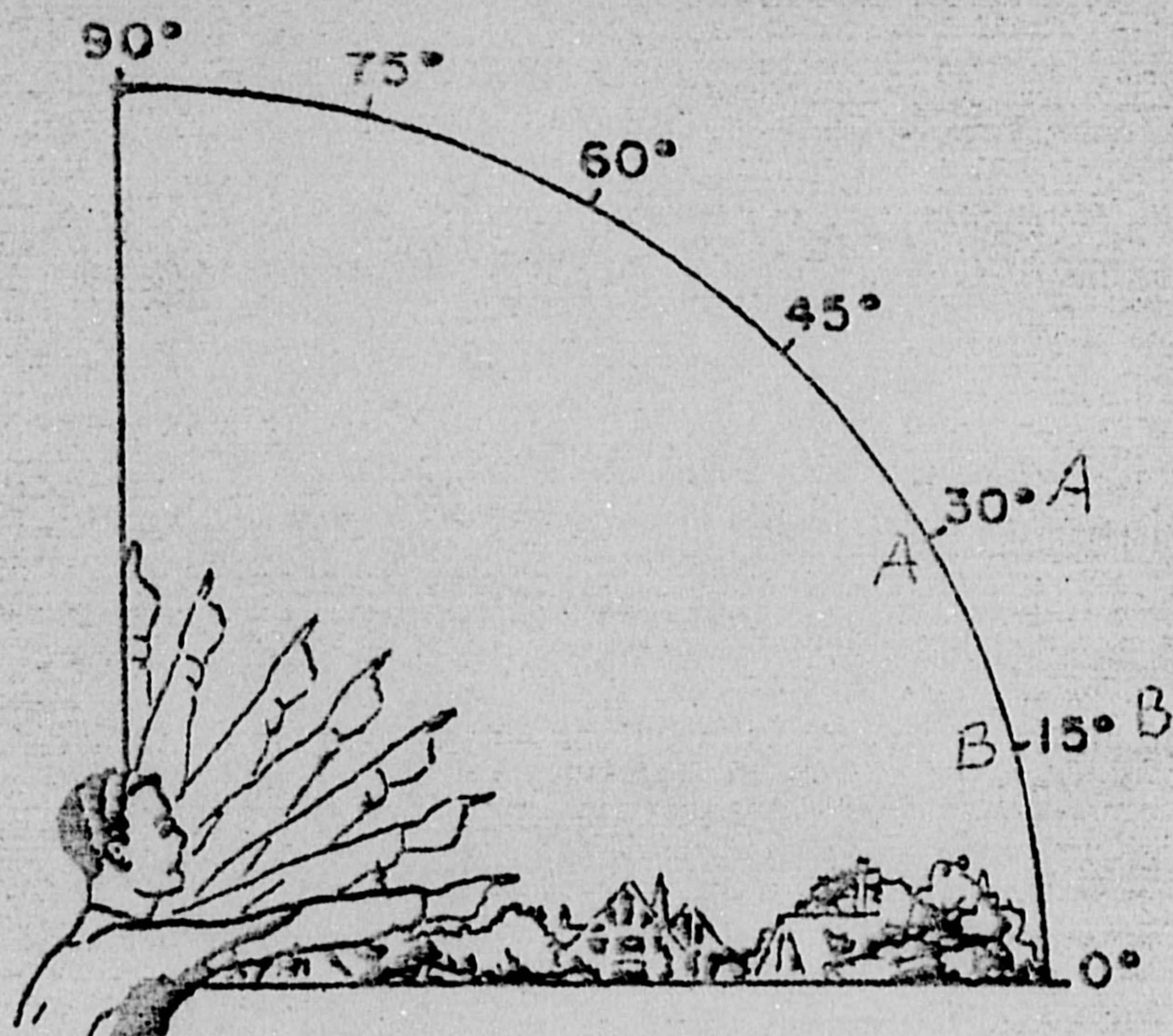
☒ No

h. Other _____

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

An artificial satellite jetting an orange tail. Friends suggest it was an old second stage "skimming" the atmosphere and heating up. But the tail was symmetric and several times appeared on one side only.

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

Nearer tree → A
 6 buildings
 Trees along Dempster St. → B
 (My position changed 1/2 block) west

seemed to curve in slightly from south as I first saw it. Not sure.
 Then almost straight west.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? one only seen
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

NO. (Not counting normal satellites)

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

Yes

No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

A passing kid, and I didn't think to ask him to look at it.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

Slightly less than 20/20 vision; astigmatism, judged as requiring correction by optometrist, causes "furring" of bright lights, but "furring" is always same color as light.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

7

Dec.

1965

Day

Month

Year

and following dates.

Tried everybody but Kremlin. Got drawer-full of pictures of astronauts. Even wrote Dr. Hynek. Only you responded intelligently.

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

7

Day

April

Month

1966

Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

Sky was full of planes. I don't see how at least half a dozen pilots and somebody at O'Hare could have missed seeing it.

Out of curiosity, I'd appreciate a brief note concerning your conclusions on my "spook."